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BURLINGTON, June 3, 1857.

THIS being the place and the time appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Vermont, the Rt. Reverend Bishop of the Diocese, with several of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at nine o'clock A. M. The Convention was called to order by the Bishop, as President *ex officio*, the Rev. GEORGE B. MANSER, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Bennington, being Secretary.

The Clergy of the Diocese being called in order, the following persons answered to their names, viz:

The Right Rev. JOHN H. HOPKINS, D. D. LL. D.,
The Reverend ALBERT H. BAILEY,
" " C. R. BATCHELDER,
" " GEMONT GRAVES,
" " JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.,
" " M. A. HERRICK,
" " WILLIAM C. HOPKINS,
" " GEORGE B. MANSER, D. D.,
" " THOMAS L. RANDOLPH,
" " JOSIAH SWETT,
" " WILLIAM S. SOUTHGATE,
" " FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH,
" " WILLIAM T. WEBBE.

The Lay Delegates, present from the several Parishes, were as follows :—from

St. Paul's Church, Burlington.—Thomas H. Canfield, Elias Lyman, R. G. Cole, F. W. Spear.

St. James' Church, Arlington.—Sylvester Deming.

St. Peter's Church, Bennington.—Buckley Squires, Moses Paige, Thomas Keyes.

Christ Church, Bethel.—George B. Chase, Joel B. Putnam.

Trinity Church, Fairfield.—Horatio Wakeman.

St. James' Church, Hydeville.—Franklin W. Whitlock.

Christ Church, Guilford.—Isaac Brown.

Calvary Church, Jericho.—Rufus Brown.

St. Paul's Church, Royalton.—William Skinner.

St. John's Church, Poultney.—Aaron Lewis.

Trinity Church, Rutland.—William T. Nichols.

Union Church, St. Albans.—Bildad Paul, Geo. F. Houghton.

St. Paul's Church, Windsor.—Edward Brown.

St. James' Church, Woodstock.—A. Stearns.

A quorum of the Clergy and Laity being present, the Convention was duly organized.

On motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not canonically entitled to seats in this Convention, all candidates for Holy Orders, the Treasurer of this Convention, the Treasurer of the Board of Land Agents, and such members of the Standing Committee as may be present, be, and hereby are, invited to seats in this Convention.

Whereupon,

The Rev. FLETCHER J. HAWLEY, of the Diocese of New York, and Rector of St. John's Church, Santa Cruz, West Indies; the Rev. OLIVER HOPSON, of the Diocese of New York; the Rev. WILLIAM S. SOUTHGATE, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Brattleboro'; and the Rev. WILLIAM C. HOPKINS, of Burlington, not canonically entitled to seats in Convention, and Messrs ALBERT D. SPALTER, J. ISHAM BLISS and CHARLES S. HALE, candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Vermont, appeared in Convention and took seats under the above resolution.

NAHUM PARKER, Esq., Lay Delegate from St Stephen's Church, Middlebury, was, on motion, admitted to a seat without producing his credentials, it having been made to appear that he was duly elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention do now proceed to the election of Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

NAHUM PARKER, Esq., resigned the office of Treasurer of the Convention, and respectfully declined a further election.

The President appointed Messrs. THOMAS H. CANFIELD, and SYLVESTER DEMING, tellers, to receive, sort and count the votes cast for officers of the Convention.

The ballots being taken for Secretary of Convention, the Rev. GEORGE B. MANSER, D. D., was unanimously elected to that office.

The ballots for Treasurer of Convention having been taken, R. G. COLE, Esq., of Burlington, was duly elected.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to NAHUM PARKER, Esq., for his faithful and valuable services, for the past eighteen years, as Treasurer of this Convention.

The President appointed Messrs. SYLVESTER DEMING, BUCKLEY SQUIRES and EDWARD BROWN, a Committee on Finance, and Auditors of the Account of the late Treasurer of Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet again to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

An invitation was then extended to the members of Convention by the President, to visit the Episcopal Residence, and the grounds of the Vermont Episcopal Institute, this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention do now adjourn, to attend divine service.

Morning prayer was offered by the Rev. WILLIAM S. SOUTHGATE, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Brattleboro.

The sermon before the Convention was preached by the Rev. GEORGE B. MANSER, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Bennington, from St. John, xxi. 15. Mr. ALBERT D. SPALTER, candidate for Holy Orders, was ordained to the Diaconate, being presented by the Rev. ALBERT H. BAILEY, Willoughby Professor in the Vermont Episcopal Institute.

The Communion service was said, and the Communion administered by the Bishop, the Rev. Dr. MANSER assisting in the services.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. T. L. RANDOLPH, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Windsor, assisted by the Rev. A. D. SPALTER, Deacon.

The Roll being called, the following clergymen, not present at the opening of the Convention, answered to their names, viz:

The Reverend CHARLES FAY,
" " WILLIAM W. HICKOX,
" " JOHN E. JOHNSON,
" " FREDERICK W. SHELTON,

Messrs. ASA WENTWORTH, Jr., and J. H. WILLIAMS, Lay Delegates from *Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls*, were, on motion, admitted to seats in Convention, without producing their certificates, it being satisfactorily shown that they were duly elected.

The following Lay Delegates, not present at the session of yesterday, appeared in Convention, and on the presentation of their credentials, were admitted to seats, viz: from

Calvary Church, Berkshire—Samuel B. S. Marvin.

Christ Church, Enosburgh—H. N. Barber.

St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury—Orlando Wooster, Edwin Vallette.

Christ Church, Montpelier.—Roderick Richardson, J. W. Ellis.

Grace Church, Randolph.—Levi Washburn.

Grace Church, Sheldon.—Alfred Keith.

St. Paul's Church, Vergennes.—Cyrus A. Booth.

R. G. COLE, Esq., who was yesterday elected Treasurer of Convention, declined accepting the office and requested to be excused.

Whereupon, on motion, Mr. COLE was excused.

The Bishop then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Since the last Convention, my beloved brethren, I have gone twice through nearly all our parishes. I shall first proceed to lay before you, in the regular course, the record of my visitations, and then notice the other subjects which claim your attention.

I commenced, June 22nd, 1856, being the fifth Sunday after Trinity, at Union Church, St. Albans, where I preached twice, and confirmed two candidates, Rev. Mr. Fay, the rector, assisting in the services.

Monday, June 23d, I proceeded to Christ Church, Buckhollow, and preached in the afternoon. The day after, I visited Trinity Church, Fairfield, preached, and confirmed two persons.

Wednesday, June 25th, I officiated at Christ Church, Enosburgh, and on Thursday, I preached in the morning at Calvary Church, East Berkshire, where I was gratified to have six candidates presented by Rev. W. Fitch for confirmation. At Union Church, Montgomery, in the afternoon, I confirmed three more.

Friday, June 27th, I visited Grace Church, Sheldon, preached, and confirmed two persons, and the following Sunday, being the 6th after Trinity, June 29th, I officiated at St. John's Church, Highgate.

July 6th, the 7th Sunday after Trinity, I allotted to St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, in the morning, and to Grace Church, Forestdale, in the afternoon; proceeding on Monday to Vergennes, where I preached at St. Paul's Church, and returning as far as Middlebury the next day, to attend the meeting of the Board of Land Agents. Here I visited St.

Stephen's Church, and had the pleasure of confirming eight persons, in the evening.

Wednesday, 9th July, I preached at St. James' Church, Hydeville, and the next day, Thursday, Rev. Mr. Bailey accompanied me to St. Stephen's Church, Tinmouth, where I preached and confirmed two persons.

Friday, 11th July, I visited St. John's Church, East Poultney, preached, and confirmed six persons. In the afternoon, at St. Paul's Church, Wells, I confirmed one more. At a second visit to Poultney, Sept. 10th, two other candidates were presented and received confirmation.

July 13th, being the 8th Sunday after Trinity, I passed with the Congregation of Zion Church, Factory Point, and also preached in the evening at the Village of Manchester.

Monday, July 14th, I visited St. James' Church, Arlington, and confirmed eight persons.

Tuesday, July 15th, was allotted to St. Peter's Church, Bennington, where I confirmed four persons. The next day, I proceeded to Christ Church, Guilford, and preached, being very thankful to find that this vacancy was again so satisfactorily supplied by Rev. Ethan Allen.

Thursday, July 17th, I preached at St. Michael's Church, Brattleboro', in the evening, where the Rev. Mr. Eastman presented six candidates for confirmation.

July 20th, being the ninth Sunday after Trinity, I devoted to Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, proceeding to St. Paul's Church, Windsor, on Monday, and thence to St. Andrew's Church, Norwich, on Wednesday. I preached as usual in them all, but there were no confirmations.

Thursday, July 24th, I visited St. James' Church, Woodstock, where I preached, and confirmed three persons. The next day I went on to St. Paul's Church, Royalton, and from thence to Christ Church, Bethel, where I officiated on the 10th Sunday after Trinity, and the rector, Rev. Mr. Swett, presented six candidates for confirmation.

Monday, July 28th, he accompanied me to Grace Church, Randolph, and a service was held of unusual interest in a full

congregation, concluded with the presentation by the rector, Rev. Mr. Graves, of fourteen candidates to be confirmed.

The last parish visited during the summer, was Christ Church, Montpelier, where, on Tuesday, July 29th, I preached, and confirmed three persons.

On Friday, December 26th, I visited St. Paul's Church, Vergennes, and was much gratified to see the improvement in the repairs and painting of their building. I had also the satisfaction of confirming nine persons, before a large congregation.

December 28th, being the Sunday after Christmas, I visited Trinity Church, Shelburne. This parish, I am happy to say, seems likely, after several years of inaction, to revive and grow again with vigor, under the care of a zealous Lay reader. Here I preached twice, baptized eight children and one adult, and confirmed two persons.

March, 8th, 1857, at St. Paul's Church, Burlington, I administered the ordinance of confirmation to one person, under special circumstances, he being about to emigrate to the West, where he might not soon have the same opportunity.

On Friday, April 3d, by special arrangement, I visited Trinity Church, Rutland, preached, and confirmed five persons. And on the evening of Good Friday, April 10th, there were fourteen persons confirmed in St. Paul's Church, Burlington, making, with the one already mentioned, fifteen within the conventional year, eight of whom were males.

Wednesday, April 15th, I visited St. James' Church, Hydeville, and preached in the evening; proceeding, the next day, to St. John's Church, Poultney, where service was held in the morning, and two persons were confirmed. In the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Hopson accompanied me to St. Paul's Church, Wells, and I preached again to a good congregation.

The first Sunday after Easter, April 19th, was given to Northfield, for the second time, as I had spent a Sunday there a month before, and held three services. There are several Episcopal families settled in that important and thriving village, who are very desirous to have the Church established

Church, Bennington, where I preached to a good congregation, and the rector, Rev. Dr. Manser, presented twenty-two persons to be confirmed, of whom nine were males; a most gratifying proof of the growth and prosperity of this important parish.

The visitation was closed with Zion Church, Factory Point, where I officiated on Friday, May 22nd, and confirmed three persons, in the presence of a large and attentive congregation.

The total amount of the confirmations since our last Convention is one hundred and sixty-five, shewing much more than the average, during many years. I have stated the facts in each particular case with the utmost brevity, partly because the details would have occupied too much time, in the record of a double visitation, and yet more, because it might appear invidious to single out particular instances, when I was received with such kindness and cordiality in every quarter.

I was the more impressed with this, on account of the peculiar character of both these visitations. For the first time during my episcopate, one of my objects was to collect money. The subscriptions to our Episcopal Institute, as you may remember, were made payable in two instalments within the diocese. The first fell due in April, 1856, and the last, one year thereafter. Hence arose the expediency of two visitations, in order that the collection might be made more easy and convenient to the majority of the subscribers. It gives me much pleasure to say that our friends came up to their engagements with a prompt zeal and heartiness, which were not only most creditable to themselves, but gave the best warrant for the genuine interest which they had taken in the enterprize. Certain it is, that in the whole course of my life, I never saw money paid in with more apparent cheerfulness and satisfaction. And I felt it most sensibly, as another proof of the divine blessing.

At my visit to East Berkshire, on the 25th of June last, I had my parting interview with Dr. Amherst Willoughby, whose name will stand, to all time, as one of the greatest benefactors to our Theological Seminary. His bodily strength was much decayed, but he was still able to sit up, and his

mind was clear and vigorous. He spake of his end as near at hand, and contemplated it with the firm faith of a consistent Christian. And as I felt persuaded that I should never again behold him upon earth, I knelt down and commended him and his venerable partner to the favor of that gracious Redeemer, in whom they had both placed their trust and hope, during so many years. It was but a few weeks after, that he breathed out his mortal life, and entered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God, leaving behind him few individuals of more bold and honest frankness, of higher conscientious principle, of sounder judgment, or of more inflexible integrity. Would to God that the example which he set in the final disposition of his property could be brought to bear on all our men of wealth and substance! Would to God they might all remember that the making of their last Will and Testament is an act of most solemn responsibility, for which they must give a strict account at the tribunal of the Saviour. Then they would devote their possessions, as he did, to the permanent interests of religion, truth and virtue. And they would rejoice in the reflection that they had thus been enabled, by divine grace, to "make friends of the mammon of unrighteousness."

I know of nothing in the long list of human inconsistency, more unaccountable than the general thoughtlessness of Christians with regard to this special duty. True, indeed, it is, that parents are naturally induced to leave as large an amount as possible for their children, and are apt to feel as if those children would count themselves defrauded by a Will which gave away a portion of the family estate for the advantage of religion. But this is mere weakness and folly, of which a Christian should be ashamed. No true disciple has a right to expect a blessing on the property which he leaves behind him, unless a due proportion of it be consecrated to the service of God. All that he has to dispose of he knows to be the gift of divine Providence, and he is bound to manifest his gratitude to the Giver, by the mode in which he distributes it, as well for the sake of his heirs, as for his own. For otherwise, the fortune which he bequeaths to them will prove, in the great ma-

jority of cases, to be no benefit, but rather a temptation and a snare.

Hence, the course which our departed friend pursued was founded upon the soundest Christian consistency. Not having any children of his own, he adopted the Church for his chief heir, and for many years it was understood that, in some shape or other, it was his fixed intention to consecrate the bulk of his property to the service of the Gospel. Knowing that this was, with him, a matter of principle, I proposed to him, by letter, soon after the charter had been secured, the idea of founding a Theological professorship in our proposed Institute; and on my next visit to him in Berkshire, during the summer of 1855, I was rejoiced to hear that he had altered his Will in accordance with the suggestion. To this plan, he adhered to the end, with characteristic firmness. And thus his name stands at the head of our liberal benefactors, and the income of ten thousand dollars is secured forever in the most permanent and useful form, for the good of all future generations.

It may be said, however, that the course of Dr. Willoughby is only an example to those who have no children. And I freely grant that this fact, doubtless, made a great difference in the amount of his legacy. But I feel well convinced that even if he had been differently circumstanced, his sense of Christian responsibility would still have led him to appropriate a just proportion of his property to the Church of his choice, which he regarded as being, pre-eminently, the Church of the Bible. For every real Christian acknowledges the duty of supporting the Gospel during his life time, and considers this as one of the first obligations which he owes to his family, and to the community around him. He knows that if religion be not sustained, even the earthly interests of his children and of society at large must suffer. He knows that religion is the only basis of government, of law, of justice, of private and public morality. And hence the necessity of supporting his family is so far from preventing his contributions to the Church, that it is, in fact, an additional motive to his Christian liberality. Year by year, therefore, he gives freely and cheerfully to the

Gospel, not only for the sake of that blessed Saviour who died for the sins of the world, but also for the sake of his children, his household, the community, and the nation, of which he is a citizen. If, then, such be his duty and practice through life, how should it cease to be his duty when he comes to make his last Will and Testament? If he is bound to provide for the Church a fair proportion of his property, all his days, is he not much more bound to bequeath to it a fair proportion in this last, solemn act, performed in view of the time when his days shall be numbered? Should not the welfare of the Church be first in his thoughts, when he contemplates the hour which shall bring him into judgment with the glorious Head of that Church, the Lord Jesus Christ? And if he regarded it as a high and weighty obligation to set an example to his family and his friends, by sustaining the Gospel in all his previous course, how shall he fail to confirm that example, by a full and liberal appropriation, in this final and most important part of his earthly stewardship?

There is no way of escaping the conclusion, in any thoughtful and religious mind. Every Christian who has property enough to make it worth while to dictate his last Will and Testament, is solemnly bound, before God and the Church, to consecrate a fair proportion of it—never less than a tenth part—to the maintenance of religion. If he have no offspring to provide for, that proportion should be increased, as in the case of our departed friend, by adopting the Church instead of children. But never, in that solemn act, should the cause of Christ be omitted or forgotten. Never should he fail to place, on this last earthly record, a testimonial of his faith; nor distribute his possessions without a suitable memorial of his pious gratitude to that God who had so kindly prospered him.

Alas! how sad is the impression left, when the Will of the deceased bears no sign upon its face of this Christian spirit! The good man has departed. The family have stood around his dying bed. His breath has passed away in prayers and blessings. The funeral rites are all performed with due solemnity, in the midst of tears and suppressed sobbings of sorrowful affection. A few days are allotted to calm their excited

feelings, after the mournful bereavement. And then comes the appointed hour when all are assembled to hear the last solemn Testament, in which "he, being dead, yet speaketh."

The Will is opened and read, by the lawyer or friend, and it is heard with deep attention. The property is devised to the widow, the children, and the connexions, with all legal exactness. The executors are named, and the whole document is concluded, signed, sealed, and witnessed, in due form of law. But not one sentence recognizes the testator's faith in Christ! Not one gift is reserved for the honor of the Saviour's name, the maintenance of His Church, or the benefit of His precious Gospel. How is this? Was not the deceased man a Christian? Did he not support religion while he was living? Did he not know the pressing wants of the ministry, the need of missionaries, the claims of Christian education, the call for schools and seminaries conducted on religious principles, and the large amount of struggling effort and painful discouragement, through which the laborers in the vineyard of Christ were striving to maintain the eternal hopes and privileges of a dying world? And is it possible that he has closed his earthly disposition of the property which the Lord entrusted to his stewardship, without a single proof of sympathy or interest in any of them? Has he gone to meet his God and render his account, without ever thinking of the Saviour's command to "lay up his treasure in heaven?" Has he wound up his affairs by making provision only for the body, and left his heirs in doubt whether he really had any regard for the immortal interests of the soul? And did he expect that the Lord would look with favor on a course like this? Did he presume to flatter himself that the wealth so devised would not be soon scattered to the winds, and followed with a curse, rather than a blessing?

It would be well for our country, my brethren, if this were a sketch of fancy, instead of being a faithful picture of melancholy fact. The case of our departed friend is a rare exception, I fear, to the general rule, in our degenerate age of worldly expediency. And therefore I have felt it to be my duty to

mark it, as worthy of especial note, in the hope that it may have a beneficial influence on many others. We need such examples, to rouse the attention of Christian men to a serious consideration of their duty. Happy will it be for the highest interests of every community, when the clergy shall be consulted on the best mode of appropriating a just amount of each estate, to the service of the Gospel. Happy for the spiritual welfare of every testator, when his love towards Christ shall thus be manifested by his care for the Church, which is His body. And happy for the surviving families whose property shall come into their hands, consecrated by the faith and zeal of the departed, in this, his final act of pious devotion.

But I must pass on from my last interview with Dr. Willoughby to the distressing summons which I received from St. Albans, informing me that my eldest child, the wife of Rev. Mr. Fay, was near her end, and desired to behold once more the face of her father and her mother. We went without delay, and had the mournful satisfaction of seeing and conversing with her, for a little while before her departure. That was one of those blessed examples where death loses its sting, and the grave its victory. In a few hours from the time of our arrival, she fell asleep in Jesus, and her rejoicing spirit entered into the paradise of God. It belongs not to me to pronounce her eulogy. It is written in the hearts of those who knew her.

The week after this severe though salutary trial, I went to fulfil my duties as a member of the House of Bishops, at the General Convention, which assembled in Philadelphia. You are all, doubtless, aware that the session was marked with the utmost unity and fraternal feeling; and furnished a new and striking illustration of the fact now universally acknowledged, that no amount of political agitation or excitement can disturb the peaceful harmony of the Church, which pursues her exalted mission without regard to the notions of men, and traces all her doctrines to the unerring word of her divine Redeemer.

The General Convention being over, I returned to Burlington, and after the new year commenced, I proceeded to the cities of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and closed up the affairs of the Vermont Episcopal Institute so far

as the conditions of the deed are concerned. The result was that the old creditors were all satisfied to the full extent of what they had kindly consented to receive, and the mortgage was also given up, the executors of the mortgagee liberally releasing the interest due, to the amount of $450,00. The whole sum thus paid was $12,225,00, so that the hundred acres with the present buildings are now all secured as the property of the Church, without a farthing of incumbrance.

This happily completed, I returned home again, and attended to my duties in St. Paul's Church, which has remained, thus far, without a rector. On the 26th of March, the Trustees of the Institute were called together, and my report was laid before them, together with a plan for our proposed seminary building, which was adopted. They also passed a resolution, unanimously accepting the Legacy of Dr. Willoughby, with suitable expressions of thanks for the munificence of the bequest. A Resolution of grateful acknowledgement for the liberal aid of the various subscribers was next recorded, and a printed copy, with a list of names, was directed to be sent to each. And then the Board, with the same unanimity, elected the Rev. ALBERT H. BAILEY as the first Professor on the Willoughby foundation, which office, I am happy to say, he has consented to accept, after a full and satisfactory inquiry.

It was after this meeting that I entered upon my second visitation of the diocese, the results of which, so far as the confirmations were concerned, I have already placed before you. The collections from our subscribers are not yet completed, some having been absent, and a few not quite ready. But the preparations for building are commenced, and we hope to have it all under roof during the current year, with one end finished; so as to accommodate our Professor, and as many students as can be expected for a year to come.

The list of our clergy and our vacant parishes differs somewhat from the statement set forth at our last Convention. The Rev. Prof. BAILEY has resigned the rectorship of St. James' Church, Hydeville, which is vacant. The Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D., has resigned Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, which

is also vacant. The Rev. G. C. V. EASTMAN has been transferred to the diocese of New York, but his place at Brattleboro' has been supplied with much acceptance by Rev. WM. S. SOUTHGATE. The Rev. W. W. HICKOX, has been canonically transferred from the diocese of New York to this diocese. The Rev. W. R. JOHNSON has been dismissed to the diocese of New York. The Rev. E. H. SAYLES, has resigned Christ Church, Enosburgh, and has become the rector of Trinity Church, Fairfield, and Christ Church, Buckhollow. St. Paul's Church, Burlington, is still without a rector, but expects soon to have the services of a faithful and zealous minister. And ill health has obliged Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, to resign his charge of the Churches at East Berkshire and Montgomery, which are again in want of ministerial supply. Our present vacancies, therefore, are numerous, although the list of our clergy is rather increased. Berkshire, Montgomery, Enosburgh, Jericho, Waitsfield, Brandon, Hydeville, Factory Point, Bellows Falls and Burlington, are without any settled rector, and are dependent on occasional services, with lay reading. Besides which, there will probably be a call, ere long, for the ministry, from two new places, Northfield and Franklin. We have lost two clergymen, Rev. Messrs. W. R. JOHNSON, and Rev. G. C. V. EASTMAN, but we have gained Rev. Messrs. SOUTHGATE and HICKOX, besides our new Deacon, Rev. A. D. SPALTER, who was yesterday ordained in the presence of the Convention. And two new candidates for Holy Orders have been enrolled, viz., Messrs. ISHAM BLISS, of Shelburne, and CHARLES S. HALE, of Brandon. The sum total of our canonical list of clergymen, including the Bishop, is twenty-three.

But the state of the Church, on the whole, is prosperous and encouraging. Our people are increasing in numbers and in zeal, and I have been surprised and most thankful to see the vitality and energy with which they have sustained themselves, in many parishes, under such long protracted destitution. More admirable materials for the work of the ministry can nowhere be found, than the diocese presents to a candid

observer. And the prospect for the future, when our Theological Seminary has begun to operate efficiently, are such as should cheer and animate us to the highest point of Christian zeal and devotion.

But we must remember, my beloved brethren, that what has been done, in the last two years, is only a beginning of that better era of Church progress, which it will require long and persevering effort, under the favoring hand of God, to bring to the proper consummation. True, indeed, it is, that my first plan of raising $15,000 has been so prospered, that we have now secured more than $30,000. True, that instead of merely adding to the residence of your bishop, sufficient room to commence, in a very humble way, the work of theological instruction, we are now able to contemplate a distinct edifice, large enough to accommodate not only our resident Professor and students, but also a school for boys, on a beautiful location of their own. True, that instead of *hoping* that our brethren in the large cities would sympathise with our wants and aid our efforts, we have now had *positive proof* of their generous liberality. All this, thank God! is true. But it is likewise true, that the solid prosperity of the good work demands much more, to make it what it ought to be. The labor already accomplished must be our stimulus to greater labors, until the object is fully attained. And I must frankly say, for myself, what I am sure will meet with a cordial response from the Church at large, that our past success is the best possible argument for renewed zeal, and more strenuous exertion.

I shall conclude by suggesting three topics for your consideration, which seem to me deserving of attention at our present session.

The first arises from the 7th Article of the Constitution, which has never received the practical construction intended. The language of this Article is as follows:

"In order that the whole Church in the diocese may know and provide for the temporal condition of every part, the following rules are to be observed";

"At every Convention the lay delegates shall report to the Bishop the temporal condition of their respective parishes, stating their income, their debts, and the amount of their minister's salary. When these reports are laid before the Convention, the Laity shall proceed to fix the quota which each parish shall pay to the general fund of the diocese at the next Convention, according to the circumstances of each parish respectively. A failure to pay this quota may be accounted for satisfactorily, and in such case, the Convention, by vote, may accept the excuse. But if it be not paid, and no sufficient excuse be offered, the parish in default shall be admonished, and if it continue in default for two successive Conventions, it may be, on motion, stricken from the list of the diocese, until due satisfaction be made. The general fund, thus supplied, shall be expended according to the votes of the Convention."

The object of this Article, in my judgment, is one of very great importance to the welfare and advancement of the Church. It was designed to secure a regular and systematic appropriation from every parish, on a scale established by the Convention itself, in order to enable this body, every year, to do something effectual for the aiding of the clergy, the support of the missionary work, and the building up of new parishes, instead of merely confining our Finance Committee to the raising enough to pay for the printing of the journals; and leaving all the rest to the fluctuating and uncertain result of missionary collections. The three distinct funds would be better, as it seems to me, united into one General Fund, and let the appropriations now made by the Missionary Board be made by the vote of this body, so that our brethren of the laity shall have a complete knowledge of the whole, and an equal voice in deciding on the merits of each application. I would recommend, therefore, that this Article of the Constitution be no longer as it has been, a dead letter, but be on the contrary, made henceforth our actual rule; and I think the effect would be highly beneficial to the best interests of the diocese.

The second subject which I would present to your consideration is the expediency of electing some additional Agents to

be recommended for appointment to the Ven. Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts. The present constitution of the Board is such that it has often been difficult to secure a quorum. And the yearly tax for traveling expenses is a serious sum, much of which would be unnecessary, if it were not for the fact that the agents live so far from any regular place of meeting.

The third and last suggestion concerns the provision which should be made for the traveling expenses of the delegates to Convention. This ought to be secured by the action of this House in some form, which would enable every parish and every clergyman to have their proper place in this body. No diocese can prosper as it ought to do, when the annual assembly is not attended with zeal and punctuality. And yet it is certain that this cannot be expected, so long as the members are obliged to give not only their time, but their money, and that too in a very unequal way; since the present system operates most hardly on those who live at the greatest distance.

With these suggestions, my beloved brethren, I commend your counsels to the blessing of God, in the full confidence that the results will be marked by our usual good feeling and unanimity. JOHN H. HOPKINS.

At the close of the Address, the Rev. Mr. BATCHELDER introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the three suggestions, presented at the close of the Bishop's Address, be referred to a Committee of five, two clergymen and three laymen, to report at the next annual meeting of this Convention.

On Motion, Convention proceeded to elect a Treasurer and Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

The ballots for Treasurer being taken the Hon. RODERICK RICHARDSON, of Montpelier, was declared duly elected Treasurer of Convention for the year ensuing.

The following persons were duly elected the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, viz.:

The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.; Rev. ALBERT H. BAILEY; Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER; and Messrs. R. G. COLE, SYLVESTER DEMING, RODERICK RICHARDSON.

NAHUM PARKER, Esq., former Treasurer of Convention, presented his Annual Report, which, having been duly audited by Committee, was accepted, and *Ordered* to be printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

[See Appendix.]

On Motion, Convention proceeded to elect the preacher before the next Annual Diocesan Convention, and also the preacher of the Missionary Sermon, the evening next preceding the Convention.

The Rev. GEMONT GRAVES, Rector of Grace Church, Randolph, was elected to preach the next Convention sermon; the Rev. WILLIAM W. HICKOX, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Vergennes, to be the substitute.

The Rev. WILLIAM S. SOUTHGATE, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Brattleboro', was elected to preach the Missionary sermon the evening next preceding the Annual Convention; the Rev. ETHAN ALLEN, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford, to be his substitute.

The President announced the following persons as the Committee on the suggestions at the close of the Bishop's Address:

The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.; JOSIAH SWETT; Messrs. THOMAS H. CANFIELD, RODERICK RICHARDSON, SYLVESTER DEMING.

Mr. SAMUEL B. S. MARVIN, Lay delegate from Calvary Church, Berkshire, was, at his request, excused from further attendance upon the sittings of this Convention.

GEORGE F. HOUGHTON, Esq., Lay delegate from Union Church, St. Albans, introduced the following resolution, with the request that the same be laid upon the table and made the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon:

Resolved, That, as the present Annual Convention is the sixty-seventh of this diocese, and the forty-fifth since its full organization, the Right Reverend Bishop be earnestly re-

quested to prepare and pronounce, at the next Annual Diocesan Convention, such an account of the Episcopal Church in this diocese, prior to, and during the term of, his Episcopate, as in his judgment, a proper and complete history of the diocese, for more than half a century demands.

Resolved, That the Parochial Clergy of this diocese prepare and transmit to the Right Reverend Bishop, immediately after Easter Monday next, a historical account of their respective Parishes from their origin up to the present time, to be submitted by him to the next Annual Diocesan Convention.

On Motion, Convention adjourned to 2 1-2 o'clock, this afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2 1-2 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Parochial reports being called for, were presented, and *Ordered* to be printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

[See Appendix.]

The Committee on Finance made their report of assessments on the several parishes in the diocese, which Report was accepted, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee on Finance recommend the following assessments to be made upon the several Parishes of the Diocese, to meet the current expenses of the year, to wit:

Union Church, Montgomery,	$3 00	St. James' Church, Arlington,	$8 —
Calvary Church, Berkshire,	3 —	Christ Church, Guilford,	2 —
Christ Church, Enosburgh,	2 —	Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls,	8 —
Grace Church, Sheldon,	5 —	St. Paul's Church, Windsor,	4 —
Trinity Church, Rutland	8 —	St. James' Church, Woodstock,	6 —
Union Church, St. Albans,	8 —	Christ Church, Bethel,	3 —
St. John's Church, Highgate,	4 —	St. Paul's Church, Royalton,	2 —
Christ Church, Fairfax,	2 —	St. Michael's Church, Brattleboro',	2 —
Trinity Church, Fairfield,	2 —	Christ Church, Montpelier,	6 —
St. Paul's Church, Burlington,	10 —	Grace Church, Randolph,	3 —
Trinity Church, Shelburne,	2 —	St. James' Church, Hydeville,	2 —
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,	5 —	St. Peter's Church, Bennington,	4 —
St. Steven's Church, Middlebury,	6 —	St. Stephen's Church, Tinmouth	2 —
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon,	2 —	Calvary Church, Jericho,	2 —
St. John's, Church, Poultney,	4 —	St. Andrew's Church, Norwich,	2 —
St. Paul's Church, Wells,	2 —	Christ's Church, Waitsfield,	2 —
Zion Church, Factory Point,	2 —		

S. DEMING,
EDWARD BROWN, } Com.
BUCKLEY SQUIRES,

The Treasurer of the Missionary Fund, and of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, made his Annual Reports of

the condition of said funds, which Reports were accepted, adopted, and *Ordered* to be printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

[See Appendix.]

The hour having arrived for taking up the Resolutions introduced in the morning session by Mr. HOUGHTON, relative to a historical account of the Diocese and its several Parishes, from their organization, the same were taken into consideration, and, after full remarks, were unanimously adopted.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Secretary be, and hereby is, directed to cause sixteen hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention to be printed, and, in addition to the number now provided for by the ninth canon, to send to each clergyman of the diocese a number of copies equal to the number of families in his parish or parishes, as reported in the Journal of this Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese be held in St. Paul's Church, Burlington.

The Report of the Trustees of the Vermont Episcopal Institute was presented and read before the Convention, and the same was,

Ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

[See Appendix.]

On motion, *Resolved*, That GEORGE F. HOUGHTON, Esq., of St. Albans, with the Secretary, be a Committee to attend to the printing and distribution of the Journal, for the current year.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER and ALFRED KEITH, Esq., be added to the Committee already named on the resolution relating to the suggestions contained in the close of the Bishop's Address.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Convention were then read and approved.

On motion, *Resolved,* That after the usual religious exercises, this Convention do adjourn *sine die.*

Whereupon, after singing, prayers, and the benediction of the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D.D. LL. D.
President of the Convention.

Attest, GEORGE B. MANSER, *Secretary.*

[APPENDIX I.]

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON.

RT. REV. JOHN H. HOPKINS, D. D., LL. D., acting as Rector until the vacancy is supplied.

Families, (removed, 11, added, 16,) present number, 98; Baptisms, (adults, 7, children, 34,) 41; Confirmations, 15; Communicants, (died, 1, removed, 10, added, 17,) 179; Sunday Scholars, (boys, 36, girls, 64, added, 35,) 100; Superintendent and male teachers, 7, female teachers, 9, Marriages, extra parochial, 2, parishioners, 2; Funerals, extra parochial, 1, parishioners, 5.

Contributions—Alms at the Communion,	$90,00
For General Missions, Foreign,	20,00
" " " Domestic,	25,00
" Diocesan Missions,	20,00
" Aged and Infirm Clergymen,	10,00
" Contingent fund,	10,00
" Sunday School collections,	
	$175,00

The Vestry were disappointed in their effort to obtain a Rector, after the Bishop had resigned, but are in expectation of a new incumbent shortly. The services have been performed, however, with a slight interruption, steadily, by the Bishop, assisted by his son, Rev. William C. Hopkins, whose labors have been remarkably efficient, as appears from the increase of the Sunday School, the number of Baptisms, and the growth of the congregation. The general condition of the parish is, on the whole, highly prosperous, and offers an encouraging prospect of increasing numbers and zeal, under the care of a devoted and faithful pastor.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ARLINGTON.

THE REV. FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 215, children, 102, total, 317,) 67; Baptisms, (adults, 13, children, 3,) 16; Confirmed, 8; Marriages, 3; Burials, 15; Communi-

cants, (added anew, 12, removed into the parish, 1, removed from the parish, 3, died, 2,) present number, 120 ; Catechumens, 50.

Contributions—Alms at the Holy Communion,.....$33,02
Of which $16 were contributed for Diocesan Missions.
For General Missions, Domestic,..... 25,15
For Foreign Missions,..... 15,80
For Contingent Fund,..... 8,00
——$81,97

Public Worship regularly every Sunday twice, and during the greater portion of the year a Friday evening Lecture. On Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Christmas and Thanksgiving, one service each. The Holy Eucharist has been administered in church six times, and once in private to a sick member.

In addition, a third service on alternate Sundays, has been held at Bethesda Church, West Arlington. Five adults residing in that part of the town have, during the year, been baptized, and it is expected that others will soon receive the benefit of that sacrament.

A third service has also been held in a School House at Sunderland every fourth Sunday. About sixty persons are quite regular in their attendance. This town has no place within its precincts suitable for public worship ; and for some time those here reported have been the only stated services enjoyed by its inhabitants.

At all three of these places, there is, at the present time, a degree of attention paid to the preached Word which is highly encouraging. May God grant His blessing ! Without it even Paul may plant, and Apollos water in vain.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, Bellows Falls.

JOEL CLAP, D. D., LATE RECTOR.

The late Rector resigned the charge of this parish on Easter Day last. This Report, therefore, embraces only the period from the last report rendered to the Convention in 1856 to last Easter.

Baptisms, (adults, 1, infants, 4,) total, 5 ; Marriages, 11 ; Funerals, 12 ; Communicants, (added by removal, 5, removed, 10, died, 4,) present number, 125.

It is proper here to state, in explanation of the discrepancy of this number of communicants and the number stated in previous reports, that there has not been a thorough revision of the list of Communicants on the parish records, and that from peculiar circumstances it has been somewhat difficult to ascertain with perfect accuracy the exact number of those who, having been from time to time admitted to the communion in this parish, ought strictly to be regarded as still therewith connected. The above is the result of as accurate a revision of the list as has been practicable.

Contributions—For Domestic Missions,.....$14,34
For Foreign Missions,..... 8,00
For Diocesan Missions,..... 14,00
For Alms at the Holy Communion,..... 45,83
——$82,17

Public Worship : Morning and Evening Prayer and Sermon on Sundays. Morning Prayer and Sermon on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and Good Friday. Evening Prayer and Sermon on Christmas Eve.

Morning Prayer on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent; and on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of Passion Week.

The Holy Communion has been administered in Church ten times, and to the sick on nine occasions.

Since Easter Day I have married two couples and attended two funerals at Bellows Falls, and have preached two Sundays at Trinity Church, and one Sunday at Union Church, Claremont, N. H., and read prayers for the Bishop of New Hampshire on three Sundays. JOEL CLAP.

Claremont, N. H., May 30th, 1857.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BENNINGTON.

THE REV. GEO. B. MANSER, D. D., RECTOR.

Families, 56; Baptisms, (adults, 13, children, 20,) 33; Confirmed, 22; Marriages, 5; Burials, 6; Communicants, (added anew, 22, removed into the parish, 3, removed from the parish, 3, died 1,) present number, 101; Catechumens, 66.

Contributions—Alms at Communion,		$56,64
For Domestic Missions,		10,00
For Foreign Missions,		20,50
For Contingent Fund,		4,00
For other purposes,		25,00
		$116,14

Public worship regularly held on Sundays, and, during the year, Thursday evening Lectures, and, for nearly half the year, a weekly Lecture for the youth. During Lent and Passion Week extra services. Days of State Fast and Thanksgiving regularly observed. Times of Holy Communion, first Sunday in each month. The parish is in an encouraging condition.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRATTLEBORO.

REV. WM. S. SOUTHGATE, RECTOR.

Families, 15; Confirmations, 6; Burial, 1; Communicants, (removed, 2, added, 9,) present number, 30; Sunday Scholars, 21.

Contributions since Nov., 1856—Communion Offerings,		$52,65
Appropriated as follows:—To Domestic Missions,	$ 5,00	
To Foreign Missions,	6,33	
To Building Fund,	26,67	
To other purposes,	14,15	
From Sunday School for Church building,	2,96	
		$55,61
Proceeds of weekly offertory for room rent, current expenses of parish, &c.,		$116,60

The present Rector entered upon his duties the first Sunday in November last. This Report, therefore, (excepting the items of confirmations and weekly offerings) embraces a period of seven months only. My predecessor left no records of the five preceding months of the year since the last Convention.

This parish is gradually gaining numbers and strength, and its prospects are regarded as unusually encouraging. It needs now most of all a fixed place of worship. We are confident of its permanent success, if we can secure at once a

suitable church. At least $5,000 will be needed for the purchase of a central site and the erection of a wooden building. Subscriptions to the amount of $3,500 (including a generous pledge of $1,000 by a parishioner, and a conditional grant of $1,000 by the Board of Land Agents,) have already been obtained.

We are truly grateful for the kind response with which our appeal has been met in many instances. We trust that a like generosity in others may soon enable us to accomplish this important object.

With the divine blessing upon our efforts we shall be able to repay to the Church in due season all that may be given to us in this our day of necessity.

CHRIST CHURCH, BETHEL.

REV. JOSIAH SWETT, RECTOR.

Families, 32; Baptisms, (adults, 2, infants, 3,) 5; Confirmed, 6; Burials, 5; Catechumens, 15; Communicants, (died 2, added, 3,) present number, 65.

Contributions—At the Offertory,.....		$45,82
For Diocesan Missions,.....	16,00	
		$61,82

Of the contributions at the Offertory, there were appropriated to Foreign Missions, $8,20; to Domestic Missions, $8,00; to the poor, $7,83; to relief of aged and infirm clergymen, $2,19; to the purchase of books, $10,00; to other purposes, $9,60.

The parish has been afflicted the past year in the loss, by death, of three very excellent and active female communicants, whose places will not be easily supplied. In other respects, the parish has undergone little change. Preaching and lay services have been much as formerly.

The Rector has attended three funerals, baptized one person, performed one marriage, administered the Holy Communion twice, (once being to a sick person,) and preached five times in the parish of Grace Church, Randolph, during the absence of its Rector on account of sickness.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, HYDEVILLE.

REV. A. H. BAILEY, OFFICIATING MINISTER.

Families, 20; (adults, 43, children, 36;) Baptisms, infants, 3; Confirmation, (in Poultney by request,) 1; Communicants, 26, (removed from the parish, 5; into the parish, 1; died, 1; added anew, 1;) Marriages, 2; Burial, 1; Catechumens, (boys, 6; girls, 8;) 14.

Contributions—At the Holy Communion, (of which $9,40 were for aged and infirm clergymen,) &c.		$21,03
For Diocesan Missions,.....	20,00	
For General Domestic Missions,.....	10,00	
For General Foreign Missions,.....	10,00	
For the Contingent Fund of the Diocese....	2,00	
		$63,03

The Holy Communion has been administered, in the Church, 11 times; to the sick 3 times. Public Worship, Sundays, A. M. and P. M.; Sunday evenings in Fairhaven, nine times; on the greater Feasts and Fasts, including Fridays in Lent.

The Minister's resignation of the Rectorship of the parish took effect, Oct. 20th. His services have been continued to the present time.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, GUILFORD.

REV. ETHAN ALLEN, RECTOR.

Communicants, (died, 1, removed, 1, added, 1,) present number, 41; Marriages, 1; Burials, 4; Sunday School teachers and scholars, 35. Communion Alms, $10; Missionary contributions—Foreign Board, $6; Domestic do., $5; Diocesan do., $9; Contributions for other religious purposes—for Sunday School books, tracts and papers, $14; Contingent Fund, $2.

Public Worship—the usual services twice on Sunday, on Thanksgiving day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday.

The attendance upon our services is much the same as a year ago—though a number of individuals have removed from the parish. We have reason to thank God for the measure of "unity, peace and concord" we have enjoyed, and take courage for the future.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HIGHGATE.

REV. C. R. BATCHELDER, RECTOR.

Families, 35; Baptism, 1; Marriage, 1; Burials, 4; Confirmation, 1; Communicants, 65.

Contributions—Alms at the Holy Communion,.....$17,00
For Contingent Fund,..... 4,00
——$21,00

Public services, morning and evening each Sunday, and in the morning on the greater festivals and fasts. The Holy Communion has been administered twelve times during the year.

CALVARY CHURCH, JERICHO.

Families, 15; Baptisms, 2; Burials, 1; Communicants, 24; Sunday School Scholars, 20.

Contributions—Easter Offering,.....$8,00

The parish has completed its Church edifice. Is in debt about one hundred dollars. Lay services have been held since Christmas. A Sunday School is in successful operation, with about twenty members.

Rev. S. B. Bostwick held the first service after completion of the Church on Christmas, and administered the Holy Communion.

J. S. BOSTWICK, *Sec. of the Vestry.*

Jericho, June 1st, 1857.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MIDDLEBURY.

REV. WM. T. WEBBE, RECTOR.

Families, 49; Baptisms, (adults, 3, infants, 5,) 8; Confirmed, 8; Marriages, 8; Funerals, 2; Communicants, (added anew, 7, lost by removal, 20, otherwise, 2,) present number, 74. Offertory collections, $69,36.

CHRIST CHURCH, MONTPELIER.

REV. F. W. SHELTON, RECTOR.

Baptisms, 7; Confirmed, 5; Marriages, 4; Communicants removed, 2; Died, 1; Present number, 50; Catechumens, 46.

Contributions—Offertory Collections		$42,09
	Contingent Fund of Diocese	6,00
	Diocesan Missions	18,00
	Sunday School Collection	28,50
		$94,59

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, POULTNEY.

REV. O. HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, (adults, 105, children, 45, total, 150,) 40; Baptisms, (adults, 3, children, 7,) 10; Confirmed, 10; Marriages, 3; Burials, 3; Communicants, (added anew, 5, by removal, 2, lost by removal, 5, by death, 1,) present number, 72. Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 35.

Contributions—Alms at the Holy Communion		$10,74
	Domestic Missions	8,59
	Foreign "	5,00
	Diocesan "	7,74
	Contingent Fund	4,00
	Church, Ontourgon, Mich.	13,00
	Other purposes	12,30
		$61,28

Public worship, on alternate Sundays, and on the principal Festivals and Fasts.

GRACE CHURCH, RANDOLPH.

REV. GEMONT GRAVES, RECTOR.

Families, 26; Baptisms, (childen, 5; adults, 7,) 12; Marriage, 1; Burials, 4; Sunday Scholars, 30.

Contributions—For Domestic Missions,		$10,63
	For Foreign Missions, from Sunday School,	5,00
	For Sunday School Books,	10,00
	For Communion Set,	35,00
	For Baptismal Bowl,	4,50
	For Books for Parish Records,	7,63
	For Contingent Fund,	2,00
	At the Holy Communion,	21,02
		$95,78

From the Epiphany, January 6th, to the present time,—a period of about five months,—the usual services in the parish have been suspended. During this time the Rector has been obliged, on account of protracted illness, to be absent from the parish. He prays that this great affliction upon himself may not prove to be any hindrance to the growth of the parish.

Until the Epiphany, Divine Service had been celebrated as usual, viz.:—twice on Sundays; once on the greater Feasts and Fasts, and on Saints' Days. The Holy Communion had been celebrated monthly, and occasionally on Great Festivals. Since the Epiphany, the Church has been open, on Sundays, for Lay-Reading.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ROYALTON.

REV. JOSIAH SWETT, RECTOR.

Families, 7; Marriage, 1; Burial, 1; Catechumens, 10; Communicants, 14.

Contributions—at the Offertory, $30,00; of which, $7,00 were appropriated to Foreign Missions; $7,00 to Domestic Missions; $6,72 to the poor, and $9,28 to other purposes.

The Rector officiates on the third Sunday of each month, administering the Holy Communion. There is lay-reading on the other Sundays. The condition of the parish is but little changed from last year.

TRINITY CHURCH, RUTLAND.

REV. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D., RECTOR.

As my report, by some mistake, was not inserted in the last Journal, the present report will include its statistics.

Families, about 70; adults, 160, children, 125—285; Baptisms, (adults, 4, children, 11,) 15; Confirmed, 14; Marriages, 9; Burials, 7; added to Communion, 13; (removed, 5, died, 5,) 10; present number of Communicants, 85.

Contributions—For Domestic Missions,.....		$58,50
For Foreign Missions,.....		55,00
For Diocesan Missions,.....		50,00
For Convention Fund,.....		8,00
For Easter Fund,.....		35,50
		$206,00

Besides my regular services in Rutland, I have paid several visits to the members of our Church in Wallingford and Tinmouth, and preached twice in the latter town.

GRACE CHURCH, SHELDON.

REV. J. E. JOHNSON, RECTOR.

Families and parts of families, 43; Baptisms, 3; Burials, (including one in Fairfield,) 2; Marriage, 1; Confirmations, 2; Communicants, 60; Catechumens, 60. Communion—Alms (ordinary,) $42,17; (special) for Foreign Missions, $10,00; for Diocesan Missions, $15,38; for aged and infirm Clergymen, $6,00; for Sunday School books, $9,09—sum total of Communion Alms, $82,64. Contributions of Sunday School for Foreign Missions, $5,00—sum total of Contributions, $87,64.

Public Worship twice on every Sunday, and once on most of the Festivals and Fasts. The Holy Communion has been administered 16 times in public, and five times to the sick.

Since Easter, the Rector has established a Parish School which is under his general superintendence. Instruction in all Academic branches of study is given by competent teachers, and in Christian Ethics and the doctrines, practices and history of the Church, by the Rector. Especial attention is also paid to the improvement of the Vocal Music of the Church, weekly instructions therein being given by the Chorister. This is made free to all.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, VERGENNES.

REV. W. W. HICKOX, RECTOR.

Families, 40, (adults, 125, children, 70) ; Baptisms, (adults, 3, children, 4) 7 ; Marriages, 8 ; Burials, 6 ; Confirmed, 9 ; Communicants, (died, 3, added, 11,) present number, 61 ; Sunday scholars, 40 ; Teachers, 8.

Contributions—Alms at Holy Communion,	$ 26,66
Special for Convocation,	10,00
For St. Regis Indians, Rev. Mr. Williams,	12,00
Domestic Missions,	5,00
Church repairs, over the $570 reported last year,	230,00
Realized from Ladies' Fair, for Chandeliers,	104,00
Assessment,	5,00
Carpets—presented by Mr. C. A. Booth,	50,00
	$442,66

Public Worship twice on Sunday, regular—except two given to Shelburne, where I administered the Holy Communion once to 18, and once to 15 persons ; besides to one in private, since deceased. Services and sermon on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Church open for prayers Wednesday and Friday through Lent—Ascension Day, Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun Week.

A good thing can be said for this parish—the Church edifice has been put in good condition, and the clergyman's salary has not lessened in consequence, but rather improved. The communicants have increased from 50 to 61.

UNION CHURCH, ST. ALBANS.

REV. CHARLES FAY, RECTOR.

Families, (removed, 7, added, 5,) 64, including 267 persons ; Communicants, (added, 8, removed, 10, died, 2,) 110 ; Baptisms, (infants, 6, adult, 1,) 7 ; Confirmed, 9 ; Married, 4 ; Buried, 4.

Contributions—Offerings at the Holy Communion,	$80,00
General and Diocesan Missions,	90,00
Contingent Fund,	8,00
	$178,00

The question of erecting a new Church is still in agitation, but as yet nothing has been accomplished. The Rector, however, as Rectors always do, indulges the pleasant hope, that the obstacles in the way are not insurmountable. In other respects the condition of the parish is good. During the past year a kindly and harmonious feeling has prevailed throughout the congregation, and the contributions to religious and charitable objects have increased.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WELLS.

REV. O. HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, (adults, 41, children, 24,) total, 65 ; Baptisms, children, 2 ; Con-

firmed, 1 ; Burial, 1 ; Communicants, present number, 29 ; Sunday scholars, 10.

Contributions—Alms at the Holy Communion,..... $ 4,00
Domestic Missions,..... 2,50
Foreign Missions,..... 2,00
Diocesan Missions,..... 1,46
Contingent Fund,..... 2,00
Melodeon for the Church,..... 65,00
——— $76,96

Public Worship—equal to one-fourth of the time. These services have been rendered by the Rev. Mr Bailey, the Rev. N. W. Munroe and myself. The Holy Communion has been administered five times. The attendance upon the appointed services of the Church has considerably increased during the past year, and the prospects of the parish are deemed encouraging.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WINDSOR.

REV. T. L. RANDOLPH, RECTOR.

Families, 35, (adults, 73, children, 42,) 115 ; Baptisms, (adult, 1, children, 7,) 8 ; Confirmed, 4 ; Marriages, 3 ; Burials, 4 ; Communicants, (added anew, 4, removed into the parish, 2, removed from the parish, 3, died, 3,) present number, 37 ; Catechumens, (boys, 22, girls, 12,) 34.

Contributions—Alms at the Holy Communion,..... $57,16
For Diocesan Missions..... 23,47
For General Missions, Domestic,..... 16,73
" " Foreign,..... 16,73
Children's contribution to Missions,..... 10,60
Private contribution to S. School Union,... 10,00
For other purposes,..... 13,50
——— $148,19

Public Worship, on Sundays, one service, from 27th of April to 2nd of November inclusive. The remainder of the year two services. One service on the greater Festivals and Fasts. The Holy Eucharist monthly. The children have been catechised nearly every Sunday.

In addition to the above, the Rector has officiated for the greater part of the time once on every other Sunday at the State Prison.

The condition of the parish continues nearly the same as was reported last year, though it has suffered considerably by removals. The suspension of business at "the Armory" has operated unfavorably upon the town, and of course the Church has felt its influence. We have perceived some indications of the Divine presence and blessing during the past year. Would that we could say that they were more marked and decided.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NORWICH.

REV. EDWARD BOURNS, ACTING RECTOR.

Church services have been regularly maintained during the past year in this parish, in connexion with Hanover, N. H., and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper celebrated monthly alternately with that Church. We have suffered somewhat, in common with most New England parishes, from removals, but generally our services have been quite as well attended as usual.

The number of students in attendance on Sunday and at Communion has been greater than formerly; and we have the satisfaction of knowing that some who have left us have been confirmed, and are living consistently with their profession.

A monthly collection has been made of small sums for Domestic Missions—the amount small, but the effort seems to be a token for good.

We appear to grow slowly in this somewhat hard soil, and go forward in trust, hope and patience.

CHRIST CHURCH, FAIRFAX.

REV. E. H. SAYLES, RECTOR.

Families, 22, Communicants, 28; Marriage, 1; Burial, 1.

Contributions—Foreign Missions,		$7,50
Domestic Missions,		7,50
Youth's Penny Gazette,		3,50
Contingent fund,		2,00
		$20,50

Services are held every Sunday, one-half clerical. The congregation, though not large, still is constant and regular—and is surpassed by none in attachment to the Church and her services.

TRINITY CHURCH, FAIRFIELD.

REV. E. H. SAYLES, RECTOR.

Families, 23; Baptisms, (infants, 6, adults, 3,) 9; Burials, 3; Confirmed, 4; Communicants, 40; Sunday School Scholars, 20.

Contributions—Alms at Communion,		$10,00
Repairing the Church,		11,00
Other purposes,		5,00
		$26,00

Services are held once in two weeks, the congregation being too far from the Church to sustain lay reading. A third service is held once in two weeks, in the north part of the town.

[APPENDIX II.]

LIST OF THE CLERGY

IN THE DIOCESE OF VERMONT,

WITH THE PARISHES UNDER THEIR CHARGE.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of the Diocese, Burlington.

PRESBYTERS.

The Rev. EPHAN ALLEN, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford.
The Rev. Professor ALBERT H. BAILEY, officiating at St. James' Church, Hydeville.
The Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER, Rector of St. John's Church, Highgate.
The Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.
The Rev. CHARLES FAY, Rector of Union Church, St. Albans.
The Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, residing at Sheldon.
The Rev. GEMONT GRAVES, Rector of Grace Church, Randolph Centre.
The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Rutland.
The Rev. W. W. HICKOX, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Vergennes.
The Rev. WILLIAM C. HOPKINS, residing at Burlington.
The Rev. O. HOPSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Poultney, and St. Paul's Church, Wells, canonically belonging to the Diocese of New York.
The Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, Rector of St. James' Church, Woodstock.
The Rev. J. E. JOHNSON, Rector of Grace Church, Sheldon.
The Rev. GEORGE B. MANSER, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Bennington.
The Rev. LOUIS M'DONALD, residing at Middlebury.
The Rev. T. L. RANDOLPH, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Windsor.
The Rev. EZEKIEL H. SAYLES, Rector of Trinity Church, Fairfield, and Christ Church, Fairfax.
The Rev. F. W. SHELTON, Rector of Christ Church, Montpelier.
The Rev. WILLIAM S. SOUTHGATE, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Brattleboro'.
The Rev. JOSIAH SWETT, Rector of Christ Church, Bethel, and St. Paul's Church, Royalton.
The Rev. FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH, Rector of St. James' Church, Arlington.
The Rev. W. T. WEBBE, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury.

DEACONS.

Rev. WM. C. HOPKINS,
Rev. ALBERT D. SPALTER.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

J. ISHAM BLISS, of Shelburne; C. S. HALE, of Brandon.

[APPENDIX III.]

LIST OF PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE OF VERMONT,

WITH THEIR RECTORS, OR MINISTERS.

PARISHES.	RECTORS.
St. James', Arlington,	Rev. FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH.
Immanuel, Bellows Falls,	Vacant.
St. Peter's, Bennington,	Rev. GEO. B. MANSER, D. D.
Calvary, Berkshire,	Vacant.
Christ, Bethel,	Rev. JOSIAH SWETT,
St. Thomas', Brandon,	Vacant.
St. Paul's, Burlington,	Vacant.
St. Michael's, Brattleboro',	Rev. WILLIAM S. SOUTHGATE.
Christ, Enosburgh,	Vacant.
Zion, Factory Point,	Vacant.
Christ, Fairfax,	Rev. E. H. SAYLES.
Trinity, Fairfield,	Rev. E. H. SAYLES.
Christ, Guilford,	Rev. ETHAN ALLEN.
St. John's, Highgate,	Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER.
St. James', Hydeville,	Rev. A. H. BAILEY.
Calvary, Jericho,	Vacant.
St. Stephen's, Middlebury,	Rev. W. T. WEBBE.
Union, Montgomery,	Vacant.
Christ, Montpelier,	Rev. F. W. SHELTON.
St. Andrew's, Norwich,	Rev. EDWARD BOURNS, LL. D.
St. John's, Poultney,	Rev. O. HOPSON.
Grace, Randolph,	Rev. G. GRAVES.
St. Paul's, Royalton,	Rev. JOSIAH SWETT.
Trinity, Rutland,	Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.
Trinity, Shelburne,	Vacant.
Grace, Sheldon,	Rev. J. E. JOHNSON.
Union, St. Albans,	Rev. CHARLES FAY.
St. Stephen's, Tinmouth,	Vacant.
St. Paul's, Vergennes,	Rev. W. W. HICKOX.
Christ, Waitsfield,	Vacant.
St. Paul's, Wells,	Rev. O. HOPSON.
St. Paul's, Windsor,	Rev. T. L. RANDOLPH.
St. James', Woodstock,	Rev. M. A. HERRICK.

[APPENDIX IV.]

NAHUM PARKER, *Treasurer*,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE DIOCESE OF VERMONT.

1856.		Dr.
June,	To Balance in hand as reported,	$60,20
"	Cash of Calvary Church, Berkshire, for two years,	6,00
"	" Christ Church, Enosburgh,	2,00
"	" Grace Church, Sheldon,	5,00
"	" Trinity Church, Rutland,	8,00
"	" Union Church, St. Albans,	8,00
"	" St. John's Church, Highgate,	4,00
"	" Christ Church, Fairfax, two years,	4,00
"	" Trinity Church, Fairfield,	2,00
"	" St. Paul's Church, Burlington,	10,00
"	" St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,	5,00
"	" St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury,	8,00
"	" St. John's Church, Poultney,	4,00
"	" St. Paul's Church, Wells,	2,00
"	" Zion Church, Factory Point	2,00
"	" St. James' Church Arlington,	8,00
"	" Christ Church, Guilford,	2,00
"	" Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls,	8,00
"	" St. Paul's Church, Windsor,	4,00
"	" St. James' Church, Woodstock,	6,00
"	" Christ Church, Bethel,	4,00
"	" St. Paul's Church, Royalton,	2,00
"	" Christ Church, Montpelier,	6,00
"	" Grace Church, Randolph,	2,00
"	" St. James' Church, Hydeville,	2,00
"	" St. Peter's Church, Bennington,	4,00
"	" Calvary Church, Jericho,	2,00
"	" St. Andrew's Church, Norwich,	2,00
		$182,20
		104,40
	In the hands of the Treasurer, June 4th, 1857,	$77,80

1856.		Cr.
August 9,	By paid draft for Journals,	$61,00
Nov. 13,	" paid quota to General Convention,	30,00
1857,	" paid for draft to General Convention,	00,25
April,	" paid extra quota to General Convention,	10,15
	By a three dollar bill on the White River Bank, taken at the last Convention, counterfeit,	3,00
		$104,40

The Finance Committee have examined the account of the Treasurer, and find balance in the Treasury of.....$77,80

S. DEMING,
BUCKLEY SQUIRES,
EDWARD BROWN,
Finance Committee.

June 4th, 1857.

DELINQUENT PARISHES.

Union Church, Montgomery ; Trinity Church, Shelburne ; St. Thomas' Church, Brandon ; St. Stephen's Church, Tinmouth ; Christ Church, Waitsfield.

[APPENDIX V.]

NAHUM PARKER, *Treasurer,*

OF THE MISSIONARY FUND OF THE DIOCESE OF VERMONT.

1856.		Dr.
June	To balance in hand as reported to last Convention,.....	$196,01
	" Cash, St. James' Church, Hydeville,.....	12,80
Nov.	" Cash, St. Paul's Church, Burlington, per R. G. Cole, Esq.,.	125,00
1857, Jan.	" Cash, St. Paul's Church, Windsor, Rev. T. L. Randolph,...	20,00
" 30	" Cash, Trinity Church, Rutland, per Rev. Dr. Hicks,.....	20,00
April 24	" Cash, Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, per Rev. Dr. Clapp,	9,00
		$382,81

1856.		Cr.
July	By paid draft, Rev. A. H. Bailey,.....	$ 25,00
"	" paid Rev. T. L. Randolph, Missionary expenses,.....	18,45
" 19	" paid, draft to St. Michael's Church, Brattleboro',.....	50,00
Sept.	" " draft to Rev. G. C. V. Eastman,.....	100,00
Nov. 15,	" " draft for Brattleboro',.....	50,00
Dec.	" " Rev. T. L. Randolph,.....	30,25
1857, Jan.,	" " order to Guilford $18,75, draft to do. 25c.....	19,00
Feb.	" " order to Rev. W. S. Southgate, Brattleboro',.....	50,00
April,	" " " " "	50,00
May 12,	" " order to Rev. E. Allen, Guilford,.....	18,75
		$411,45
		382,81
	Due Treasurer, January, 1857,.....	$28,64

[APPENDIX VI.]

NAHUM PARKER, *Treasurer.*

OF FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN.

1856.		Dr.
June,	To balance as reported last year	$253.61
	" Cash per St. James' Church, Hydeville	9.24
	Interest to June 4, 1857	12.68
		$275.53

The above is the sum invested for aged and infirm Clergymen.

N. PARKER, Treas. of Fund.

[APPENDIX VII.]

CORPORATION OF THE VERMONT EPISCOPAL INSTITUTE.

PRESIDENT,

Rt. Rev. JOHN H. HOPKINS, D. D., LL. D.

TREASURER,

RICHARD G. COLE, Esq.

SECRETARY,

Rev. JOSIAH SWETT.

TRUSTEES.

Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.,
" GEORGE B. MANSER, D. D.,
" LEWIS P. W. BALCH, D. D.,
" JOSIAH SWETT,
EDWARD J. PHELPS, Esq.,
THOS. H. CANFIELD,
ELIAS LYMAN,
FRANKLIN SPEAR,
A. P. BARBER, M. D.,
Hon. ISAAC F. REDFIELD,
ALFRED KEITH,
RODERICK RICHARDSON,
HARMON CANFIELD, Esq.,
OZIAS SEYMOUR, Esq.,
R. G. COLE, Esq.,
D. D. HOWARD,
GEORGE W. STRONG.

STANDING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. G. COLE,
ELIAS LYMAN,
ALFRED KEITH,
RODERICK RICHARDSON,
THOMAS H. CANFIELD.

The Trustees of the Vermont Episcopal Institute, in accordance with the provisions of the fundamental statutes, respectfully submit their report to the Convention.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, when the Bishop, in his address, presented in full the condition and progress of the affairs of the Institute, the President secured some new subscriptions; so that at this time, the Trustees are gratified to report that almost twice as much has been contributed as the most sanguine friends of the Institute originally contemplated.

After the return of the President early in the spring, a meeting of the Trustees was holden, when a site was selected, a plan of the future Buildings adopted, and the Executive Committee in conjunction with the President were instructed by the Board to proceed with the erection of the same, as speedily as the funds in the Treasury would warrant.

Accordingly they have procured some materials, made preparations for the foundation, and partially entered into contracts for the work.

From the detailed report of the Executive Committee, made this day to the Board of Trustees, they are enabled to present the following, as the financial condition of the Institute.

In addition to the Legacy of $10,000 bequeathed by the late Dr. AMHERST WILLOUGHBY, of Berkshire, Vermont, for the endowment of a Professorship, by which a permanent fund is forever secured to the Institute, the subscriptions, up to the present date, amount to.....$20,539,00
Of which have been collected,..... 15,092,50

Leaving still due,.....$5,446,50

From the amount received there has been disbursed, in accordance with the covenants of the Deed of Trust, to relieve the property from all incumbrances, together with some expenditures in preparing for the erection of the new buildings, the sum of,.....$12,767,11

Leaving Cash now in Treasury,..... 2,335,39
To this add subscriptions not yet collected,..... 5,446,50

Making as the present available assets of the Institute,.....$7,781,89

In conclusion the Trustees will only add, that with their present means, they hope to be able, before the meeting of the next Diocesan Convention, to complete the Buildings so far as is necessary to accommodate the Professor and family and as many students as may be in attendance.

By order of the Board,

JOHN H. HOPKINS, D.D., LL.D.,
President.

Burlington, Vt., June 3, 1857.

[APPENDIX VIII.]

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., LL. D., President, *ex-officio.*
Rev. GEORGE B. MANSER, D. D., *Secretary*, Bennington.
Hon. RODERICK RICHARDSON, *Treasurer*, Montpelier.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. John A. Hicks, D. D., Rutland; Rev. Albert H. Bailey, Rev. C. R. Batchelder; Messrs. R. G. Cole, Sylvester Deming, Roderick Richardson.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. John A. Hicks, D. D., Rev. Josiah Swett, Rev. C. R. Batchelder, Rev. G. B. Manser, D. D.

LAY DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION.

Hon. Isaac F. Redfield, LL. D., Sylvester Deming, Timothy P. Redfield, Esq., Thomas H. Canfield.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, Chairman, *ex-officio*, Rev. T. L. Randolph, Rev. Charles Fay, Rev. A. H. Bailey, Rev. F. A. Wadleigh, Rev. Josiah Swett.

[APPENDIX IX.]

The Board of Land Agents have resolved that in making appropriations hereafter, the following parishes will be wholly omitted, as having become self-supporting:—Union Church, St. Albans; St. Paul's Church, Burlington; Trinity Church, Rutland; St. James' Church, Arlington; Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls. And that the stipends will be reduced in the following parishes to the sum set opposite to them respectively:—

St. Peter's Church, Bennington, to	$50,00
St. James' Church, Woodstock, to	50,00
Christ Church, Montpelier, to	50,00
Grace Church, Sheldon, to	50,00

This resolution is directed to be published in the appendix of the Journal of the Convention.

Standing Resolutions.

"*Resolved*, That every Parish in this Diocese, which shall not hereafter be represented in the Annual Diocesan Convention, by its Rector, (if there be one,) and a Lay Delegation, unless for reasons satisfactory to the Bishop, shall be considered as not entitled to any appropriation from the Board of Land Agents, or from any Missionary Board of the Diocese."—[*Adopted in Convention, September* 18, 1850.]

RELIEF OF AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN, &c.

[Adopted at the Convention of 1846.]

Resolved, That upon Easter day, in each year, a contribution be made by every Church in the Diocese, to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, and applied, at the discretion of the Bishop and the Standing Committee, for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen in this Diocese, who may be destitute of the means of an adequate and comfortable support, and also for the relief of such Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen who have labored and died in this Diocese, as are destitute and need assistance.

Resolved, That if, in the judgment of the Bishop and the Standing Committee, the contributions shall amount to more in any year than the necessities for that year require, the overplus shall be safely invested by them, as a Fund for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphans of Clergymen in the Diocese of Vermont.

NOTICE.

The next ANNUAL CONVENTION of this Diocese will be held in St. Paul's Church, Burlington, on the first Wednesday in June, 1858.

GEO. B. MANSER, *Secretary.*

FORM OF A CERTIFICATE FOR LAY DELEGATES.

I hereby certify, that, at the meeting of the Vestry of——— Church, ————, holden as the Canon directs, on Easter Monday, in the year of our Lord ————, A. B. and C. D., &c., members of the Vestry, were duly elected Delegates to represent the said Parish in the ensuing Convention of the Diocese. N——— N———,

Secretary of the Vestry.